

REMARKS

By the present amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to further clarify the concepts of the present invention. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 3 therein and dependent claim 3 has been canceled. Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

In a prior Action, the claims were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or alternatively, under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over, the patent to Chatterjee. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the above claim amendments and the following comments is respectfully requested.

The subject invention relates to a film for metallization composed of a polypropylene-based resin composition for metallized films where the composition comprises, among other things, a propylene random copolymer (A) produced in the presence of a metallocene catalyst, which has the properties (a-1) to (a-6) as recited in claim 1. It is to be particularly noted that each value (a-1) through (a-6) as defined in the present claims is important in the subject films. Also, the film for metallization composed of a polypropylene-based resin composition satisfies a mathematical relationship between the heat seal temperature and the tensile modulus of the film as set forth in formula (a).

In addition, as mentioned above, independent claim 1 has been amended herein to further clarify the concepts of the present invention by defining that the film for metallization includes 0.01 to 0.5 parts by weight of a phenol- and/or phosphorus-based antioxidant having a molecular weight of 500 or more. With improved stiffness and heat sealing property, the metallized films in accordance with the present invention are particularly adapted for use in wrapping food and medical products.

It is submitted that the subject films for metallization composed of a polypropylene-based resin composition as defined by amended claim 1 distinguish over that taught by the cited Chatterjee patent. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and allowance of claims 1 and 7 as amended over the cited Chatterjee patent are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

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